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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS
NOVEMBER 1983

PROPOSED ACTION	DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED (RECEIVED)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences			
Improvement of Red Lodge sanitary sewer system by replacing open ditch with underground pipe	PER	11-18-83 (11-23-83)	No EIS rec'd
Granting one-year variance to United Minerals of Townsend to exceed particulate emission standards	PER	11-2-83 (11-9-83)	No EIS rec'd Hearing held before BHES on 11-18-83
Refurbishment of crude oil storage tanks and installation of vapor control systems at CENEX near Cutbank	PER	11-4-83 (11-28-83)	No EIS rec'd
Installation of rock crusher by Schellinger Construction near Columbia Falls	PER	11-9-83 (11-28-83)	No EIS rec'd
Installation of ore crusher by Cumberland Mining in Basin	PER	10-19-83 (11-28-83)	No EIS rec'd
Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks			
Introduction of Atlantic salmon into Deadman's Basin Reservoir near Billings	PER	11-23-83 (11-28-83)	No EIS rec'd
Department of Highways			
Reconstruction of 6.5 miles of Highway 12 from two lanes to four lanes east of Helena	DEIS	10-18-83 (10-31-83)	Comments due 12-21-83

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Department of Highways continued:			
Highway and bridge improvements in Perma Canyon	EA	10-27-83 (11-1-83)	FONSI
Extension of Hilltop Road from Lake Elmo Drive to Bench Blvd. in Billings	EA	10-20-83 (11-7-83)	FONSI
Resurfacing of Lincoln Ave. and Fifth St. in Sidney	PER	10-31-83 (11-10-83)	CE
Placement of guardrails in highway sections east of Norris, near Busby and southwest of Three Forks	PER	11-15-83 (11-16-83)	CE
Reconstruction on I-90 roadbed east of Whitehall	PER	11-18-83 (11-23-83)	CE
Improvement of roadbed, drainage and guardrails on I-90 east of Butte	PER	11-18-83 (11-23-83)	CE
Improvement of road design to reduce accidents north of Twin Bridges and south of Livingston	PER	11-15-83 (11-16-83)	CE
Replacement of Pipe Creek Bridge and construction of highway approaches northwest of Libby	PER	11-15-83 (11-16-83)	CE
Improvement of roadside recovery areas to reduce accidents near Augusta, Wise River, Stanford and Stevensville	PER	11-15-83 (11-16-83)	CE
Environmental Protection Agency			
Construction of wastewater treatment facility for Rocker, MT	PER	11-8-83 (11-16-83)	FONSI

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Bonneville Power Administration			
Proposed memorandum of understanding to allow electric power sales from WAPA service area to West Coast, including transmission through existing Montana lines	EA	October 1983 (11-28-83)	Comments due 12-2-83
Proposed utility sales contract offer between BPA and customers, under provisions of Northwest Power Planning Act	EA	11-21-83 (11-28-83)	Comments due 12-9-83

KEY TO TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1) BHES - Board of Health and Environmental Sciences

2) CE - Categorical exclusion, a classification covering certain specific highway improvements which have very minor environmental impacts and which therefore do not require environmental impact statements.

3) DEIS - Draft environmental impact statement

4) EA - Environmental assessment

5) EIS - Environmental impact statement

6) FONSI - Finding of no significant impact. This term is used by federal agencies that, on the basis of an environmental assessment, have concluded that a proposed action will have no significant environmental impacts and thus does not merit preparation of an environmental impact statement.

7) PER - Preliminary environmental review

8) WAPA - Western Area Power Administration

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DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 21, 1983

PROPOSED ACTION	DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED (RECEIVED)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences			
Issuance of a groundwater pollution control permit to Inca Gold Corporation to operate a cyanide mill for precious metal recovery from old tailings at Soda Butte Creek, Park County	PER	12-20-83 (12-19-83)	No EIS rec'd Comments due 1-20-84
Issuance of a variance for groundwater nondegradation rules to allow construction and operation of a new wastewater treatment facility at Anaconda	PER	12-15-83 (12-19-83)	Comment deadline and BHES hearing 1-27-84
Approval of opening a private, 10-acre Class II landfill at Seeley Lake, MT	PER	12-12-83 (12-14-83)	Comments due 12-27-83
Department of State Lands			
Leasing of 185 tracts (69,000 acres) for oil and gas exploration and development	PER	11-9-83 (12-7-83)	Lease sale was conducted on 12-6-83
Adoption of proposed management plan for the Bear Canyon planning unit near Bozeman	NO FEIS	12-8-83 (12-12-83)	
Approval of temporary license agreement to allow crossing of the Sun River by Montana Power Company's natural gas pipeline between Cut Bank and Warm Springs	PER	11-30-83 (12-21-83)	Temporary license granted by DSL on 11-30-83

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Department of Highways			
Reconstruction of 16 miles of Montana 35 between Bigfork and Kalispell	NOI FHP	12-9-83 (12-13-83)	Public information is requested Project may take 6-7 years to develop
Reconstruction of 4 miles of Montana 200 east of Potomac	NOI FHP	12-9-83 (12-13-83)	Public information is requested Project may take 6-7 years to develop
Reconstruction of 10 miles of U.S. 2 near Marion	NOI FHP	12-9-83 (12-13-83)	Public information is requested Project may take 6-7 years to develop
Department of Commerce			
Provision of a heating plant, sewer extension, and building modification to the Black Eagle Community center, Cascade County	PER	(12-8-83)	Release of funds requested by Cascade County on 12-21-83
Granting of low-interest loans for rehabilitation and acquisition of commercial property and housing, as part of Kalispell Downtown Redevelopment Plan	PER	11-2-83 (12-8-83)	
Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior			
Adoption of a land management plan for the Billings Resource Area	FEIS	11-1-83 (12-6-83)	Protest period ends 12-30-83 Plan implementation begins 3-1-84

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4) FEIS - Final environmental impact statement

5) NO FEIS - This document expresses an agency decision not to prepare a final environmental impact statement. The decision reflects a determination that issues raised through comments on the DEIS do not warrant preparation of an FEIS. The "NO FEIS" document must include at least a representative sample of public comment and a statement describing the agency's proposed course of action.

6) NOI/FHP - Notice of intent to develop a federal-aid highway project

7) PER - Preliminary environmental review

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DECEMBER 22, 1983 THROUGH January 6, 1984

PROPOSED ACTION	DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED (RECEIVED)	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Department of Health and Environmental Sciences			
Approval of upgrading baghouse air pollution control systems at ARCO Aluminum, Collumbia Falls	PER	12-1-83 (12-28-83)	No EIS rec'd
Issuance and/or renewal of wastewater discharge permits for: placer mining at Lost Creek (Mineral County), water treatment plant at Devon, and municipal wastewater plants at Big Timber, Forsyth, Malta, Stevensville, Superior and Thompson Falls	NOI MPDES	12-28-83 (12-28-83)	Comment deadline 1-28-84
Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks			
Abandonment of Brinkman Preserve, Liberty County, to allow deer hunting	PER	12-28-83 (12-30-83)	Proposed action approved by FGC
Department of Highways			
Improvement of roadway surface on three sections of I-90 near Cardwell, Bozeman and Livingston	PER	12-23-83 (12-30-83)	CE
Environmental Protection Agency			
Approval of new wastewater treatment system, Red Lodge	CE	12-20-83 (12-30-83)	

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U.S. Department of Energy			
Construction of 230-kV transmission line from Fort Peck to Havre	ROD	12-28-83 (12-29-83)	FEIS completed 7-29-83
Interstate Commerce Commission			
Authorization to Burlington Northern to abandon rail service between Spring Creek and Geraldine	EA	12-21-83 (12-27-83)	No EIS rec'd
City of Shelby			
Use of community development block grant funds for south Shelby housing rehabilitation project	ERR	12-6-83 (12-27-83)	

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6) FGC - Fish and Game Commission

7) NOI/MPDES - Notice of intent to issue a wastewater discharge permit under the Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

8) PER - Preliminary environmental review

9) ROD - Record of decision. This document summarizes an agency's environmental review process, the decision on a proposed action, the reasons for the decision, and measures which will be applied to mitigate adverse environmental impacts.